

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Simpson S31963

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State of Alabama Washington County: On the 9th day of October 1832 Personally appeared before Josiah D. Lister Judge of the County Court of said County Elisha Simpson a resident of Washington County State of Alabama now in the 74th year of his age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement or declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he resided in Bladen County North Carolina at the time he entered the service that he does not recollect the year in which he entered the service nor the year in which he last served but that it embraced part of three years; that he was first drafted for six months under Captain Samuel Anderson the principal part of which time Captain Anderson with the company to which he belonged was stationed on drowning Creek to guard Thomas Aney's Mill to keep the British and Tories from getting meal at said mill. That Captain Anderson's Company marched across little Pedee [River] in pursuit of some Tories that was in that part of the Country. The Tories dispersed without any engagement and Captain Anderson's Company returned again to Aney's Mills when and where his term of service expired for which he received a formal discharge from Colonel Thomas Brown. That after returning home again he volunteered his services under Cornelius Dupree marched into South Carolina and was ranging to and from one state to the other the whole term for which he had volunteered always after the Tories that he was not attached to any particular Regiment as he knows of that he changed officers frequently that the company to which he belonged was often visited by General Marion, that in changing about he was under Colonel Robertson, Colonel Richardson and Colonel Owen and that when his term of service expired he received another formal discharge as he always did for another tour of two months all of which discharges he left in North Carolina when he moved from that state to Tennessee some years after the war. That after living in the State of Tennessee several years, he does not recollect how long, he moved to this State, Alabama, then a part of the Mississippi Territory where he has resided ever since. That he is well known by many of the Citizens of his County who could testify of his veracity and of their belief of his being a patriot in the revolution and refers to James Meyer and old Clergyman and Colonel Robert Rankin, who was an officer in the revolution but not in the same part of the Country. That this deponent was borned in Northampton County North Carolina (from record) on the 27th day of February A.D.

1758. That he has a record of his age at home. And during the terms of his service as herein set forth he was not attached to the regular troops. That he has no documentary evidence neither does he know of any person living in this State by whom he could prove the service herein set forth.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Elisha Simpson, X his mark

[James Myers, a Clergyman, and Robert Rankin gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Handwritten signatures of James Myers and Robert Rankin in cursive script.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for Washington County Alabama Elisha Simpson who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades

For 6 months first tour drafted

For 3 months 2nd tour volunteer

For 2 months 3rd tour volunteer and for such service I claim a pension.

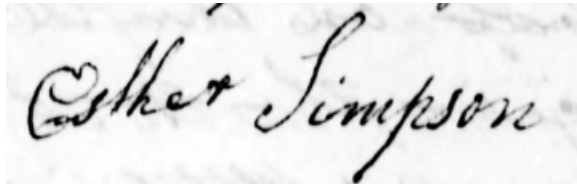
Sworn & subscribed before me

S/ Elisha Simpson, X his mark

S/ Wm Grimes, JP

May 15th, 1833

[fn p. 11: During the May term 1836 of the Washington County Alabama Court, Mrs. Esther Simpson widow of Elisha Simpson gave testimony that Elisha Simpson had lived in Washington County for the space of 25 years prior to his death and that previous thereto he had resided in the states of Tennessee and North Carolina.

Handwritten signature of Esther Simpson in cursive script.

She was seeking the pension due her husband from September 4, 1834 to September 4, 1835.]

[facts in file: a note in the file indicates that the veteran died September 8, 1835.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]